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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT - REUTHER'S SEA FOOD CO., INC., VS
R.I. EX.

TO: MR.C.G.REUTER,JR.
REUTHER'S SEA FOOD COMPANY,PO BOX 50773,NEW ORLEANS,LA 70150
CABLE ADDRESS: REUTH
TEL. (504) 947-1156

1.AFTER RECEIVING YOUR LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR.LEWIS,CONCERNING PROBLEMS WITH BELGIAN IMPORTER R.I.EX.EMBASSY CHECKED WITH LOCAL CREDIT INFORMATION SOURCE WHICH NOTES THAT FIRM'S PAYMENT RECORD IS SLOW AND THAT MANAGER,MRKOUZOUPIS,WAS DECLARED PERSONALLY BANKRUPT IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AT A TIME WHEN HE WAS OPERATING A CAFETARIA AT CENTRE ROGIER,BRUSSELS.

2.WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR ALERTING US TO THIS PROBLEM.
WE CANNOT,AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND,CHECK THE CREDIT RATINGS OF EVERY BUSINESSMAN WHO ASKS US FOR A U.S.SUPPLIER FOR A PARTICULAR PRODUCT.THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FIELD OFFICE,HOWEVER YOU CAN REQUEST,AT A SMALL CHARGE,A WORLD TRADER'S DATA REPORT (WTDR)
ON ANY FIRM ABORAD WITH WHICH YOU ARE THINKING OF DOING BUSINESS.

3.EMBASSY OFFICER,CALLED THE FIRM ON MAY 12 AND SPOKE TO MR. VOUDALICAS (ASST MANAGER)WHO CONFERRED WITH MR.KOUZOUPIS,
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MANAGER,WHO WAS APPARENTLY ALSO IN THE OFFICE.

4.MR.VOUDALICAS STATED THAT HE AND MANAGER TOOK TERM

"SIGHT DRAFT" TO MEAN THAT YOU WOULD INSTRUCT BANKER TO TURN OVER SHIPPING DOCUMENTS TO THEM UPON THEIR SIGNING A NOTE AT BANK PROMISING TO PAY WITHIN 45 DAYS.THEY ARE UNWILLING

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TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES AS THIS ADDS TO COST TO THEM.

5.MR.VOUDALICAS CONVEYED MANAGER'S OFFER TO ACCEPT THE SHRIMP AND
PAY STORAGE CHARGES,TAXES AND DUTIES PROVIDED REUTHER'S
INSTRUCTS BANK TO DELIVER SHIPPING DOCUMENTS AGAINST THEIR
SIGNE PROMISE TO PAY WITHIN 45 DAYS.
SHOULD YOU AGREE,THEY ASK YOU TO TELEX THEM AT
62756 PLTEX B.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
BRUSSELS BELGIUM
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